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SUBJ: AMERICAN VICENTENNIAL EVEREST EXPEDITION

1. CHENEY AND SHERPAS ARE PUSHING FOR ADDING 3 OR 4 MORE ICEFALL PORTERS IN VIEW OF ADDITIONAL CBS EQUIPMENT TO BE TAKEN TO ADVANCE BASE. THIS QUESTION CAN BE RESOLVED AFTER YOUR ARRIVAL SINCE, LIKE EVERYTHING ELSE, IT JUST COSTS MORE MONEY. THEY CAN OUTFIT THEMSELVES.

2.WOULD YOU INFORM HOOVER THAT RANJIT RANA WHO WORKED WITH JONATHAN WRIGHT ON HOOVER'S ABORTED FILM PROJECT IS AVAILABLE TO SERVE AS GUIDE AND ASSISTANT EITHER IN KATHMANDU OR ON TREK TO BASE.

3. FOR PURPOSES OF HOUSING AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE WITH EMBASSY PERSONNEL CAN YOU GIVE ME AN IDEA OF WHO IS TRAVELING WITH WHOM? THE MARRIED COUPLES ARE OBVIOUS, BUT I'LL HAVE TROUBLE SORTING OUT FRIENDS AND THAT'S A BAD WAY TO START THIS ENDEAVOR.

4. ASSUMING YOU ARRIVE ON THE 29TH WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A DINNER THAT EVENING FOR ALL MEMBERS AND FRIENDS. AMBASSADOR PLANS TO HOST RECEPTION FOLLOWING EVENING. TRUST THIS MEETS WITH YOUR APPROVAL.

5. 150 PORTER LOADS DEPARTING KATHMANDU JULY 24 AND ANOTHER 150 THE FOLLOWING MONDAY. $24,000 WILL BE VIRTUALLY
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EXHAUSTED BY JULY 27. THAT INCLUDES $3,000 STILL OWED ME.

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WOULD ADVISE YOU MAKE SUBSTANTIAL DEPOSIT MY ACCOUNT AS
SOON AS POSSIBLE. THIS RAISES QUESTION OF HOW FUNDS ARE TO
BE TRANSFERRED DURING AND AFTER EXPEDITION. I HAVE
BE CALLED BACK TO DEPARTMENT TO SERVE ON PROMOTION PANELS
SEPTEMBER 1 OCTOBER 15. I SUGGEST, THEREFORE, THAT YOU
EITHER DEPOSIT ALL FUNDS IN MY ACCOUNT PRIOR TO DEPARTURE
(PAM CAN WRITE CHECKS IN MY ABSENCE) OR BRING SINGLE CHECK
TO BE DEPOSITED NEPAL BANK ACCOUNT UPON ARRIVAL. NORMAL
BANK TRANSFERS, EITHER FROM LOS ANGELES OR BANGKOK, TAKE
WEEKS AND ARE NOT TO BE RELLIED UPON. ADVISE.
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